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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's (EOPSS) Office of Grants and Research (OGR) serves as the State Administering Agency for many of the Commonwealth's federal criminal justice, highway safety, and homeland security funds. The EOPSS OGR newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, trainings, and funding opportunities with public safety professionals throughout the Commonwealth. The information in this newsletter is sourced from federal, state, and local agencies as well as other sources and is compiled by the Research and Policy Analysis Division at OGR.

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EOPSS/OGR Funding Opportunities

FFY 2011 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment through July 29, 2011

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division, announces the continued availability of approximately \$650,000 in federal grant funding in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 for municipal, college and university law enforcement agencies with Chapter 90 arrest powers to participate in the two remaining high visibility traffic enforcement mobilizations in May – June and August – September. The grant application and related paperwork are posted on our website, www.mass.gov/highwaysafety under the “FFY 2011 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program” link.

FFY 2011 District Attorneys Underage Drinking Prevention Conferences Grant Program

Application Deadline: April 25, 2011

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division (EOPSS/HSD) is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$20,000 in federal grant funding for two to three District Attorneys offices to host underage drinking prevention conferences. Grant awards will be limited to \$10,000 per applicant. Applications are due on April 25th. The application is available at www.mass.gov/highwaysafety under "FFY 2011 District Attorneys Underage Drinking Prevention Conferences Grant Program." For more information, contact Dan DeMille at Daniel.demille@state.ma.us.

Other Funding Opportunities

The descriptions below are taken directly from the federal solicitations. They are not exhaustive and OGR encourages readers to search federal websites directly for complete information on these and other funding opportunities.

Community Policing Development Program

Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Application Deadline: April 21, 2011

Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to advance the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance, the development of innovative community policing strategies, applied research, guidebooks, and best practices that are national in scope. The COPS Office, a federal provider of innovative, customer-focused resources that address the continuing and emerging needs of those engaged in enhancing public safety through community policing, has designed the CPD solicitation to address critical topics in the law enforcement field by building on the principles of community policing.

For more information: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2450>

National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project

Office for Victims of Crime

Application Deadline: April 21, 2011

One cooperative agreement of \$375,000 will be awarded to support the provision of financial and technical assistance of up to \$5,000 to each of approximately 60 subgrant recipients to conduct public education and awareness activities on crime victims' rights and services in their jurisdictions during 2012 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). To learn more about this annual event, visit the NCVRW website (<http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/index.html>).

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/grants/pdf/FY2011_NCVRW_CAP.pdf

National Judicial Reporting Program 2011

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Application Deadline: April 25, 2011

The Bureau of Justice Statistics is seeking proposals to design, develop, and conduct a data collection for the 2011 National Judicial Reporting Program (NJRP). Historically, the NJRP compiled case-level information on the sentences that felons receive in state courts and on demographics of felony offenders. It excluded federal courts and state or local courts that do not adjudicate adult felony cases. The 2011 NJRP will build on past collections and ongoing redesign work to develop a more comprehensive and continuous collection of criminal cases disposed in state courts. The successful applicant will complete ongoing redesign work and develop an administrative data collection that includes key measures of interest from a nationally representative sample, including statewide data where appropriate.

For more information: http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/njrp11_sol.pdf

NIJ Visiting Fellows Program

National Institute of Justice

Application Deadline: April 28, 2011

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks proposals for research work and scholarship as part of the 2011 NIJ Visiting Fellows Program. Awards made under the NIJ Visiting Fellows Program will bring leading researchers and others into residency at NIJ to make important scholarly contributions in their chosen fields of criminology or criminal justice research and to work with the NIJ Director and staff to help shape the direction of NIJ's research programs. NIJ will recruit Research Fellows, who have worked mainly in academic or other research settings, and Policy Fellows, who have worked mainly in a criminal justice policy or practice setting. NIJ will also recruit Partnership Fellows – a Research Fellow and a Policy Fellow who will work together on a joint research project. During their Fellowship at NIJ, Visiting Fellows will work on a significant piece of scholarship that has the potential to advance criminology or criminal justice research.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000966.pdf>

Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Application Deadline: May 2, 2011

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will provide grants to support mentoring and other transitional services essential to reintegrating juvenile offenders into their communities. Award recipients will use their grants to mentor juvenile offenders during secure confinement, through transition back to the community, and post-release in order to provide transitional services to assist them in their reintegration into the community and to support training in offender and victims' issues.

For more information: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2011/2ndChanceActJuvMentoring.pdf>

Gang Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

Application Deadline: May 9, 2011

This solicitation will fund research and evaluation studies to produce practical findings for policymakers and practitioners for the development of evidence-based programs, policies, and strategies that effectively address at-risk and gang-involved youth. Topics to be addressed may include: (1) youth entry into, involvement in, and desistance from gang-related crime; (2) the effectiveness of prevention approaches targeting youth at risk for gang involvement; (3) the effectiveness of intervention strategies; (4) the nature and scope of youth gangs in juvenile detention and correctional facilities; (5) the effectiveness of reentry approaches; and (6) the assessment of how tribal communities can effectively address gang-related challenges confronting at-risk and gang-involved native youth.

For more information: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2011/GangFIRE.pdf>

BJA FY 11 Second Chance Act Adult Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Application Deadline: April 21, 2011

The Second Chance Act of 2007 provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison, jail, and juvenile residential facilities and returning to communities. There are currently over 2.3 million individuals serving time in our federal and state prisons, and millions of people cycling through local jails every year. There are approximately 94,000 youth in residential confinement within the juvenile justice system on any given day. Ninety-five percent of all offenders incarcerated today will eventually be released and will return to communities. The purpose of the Second Chance Act is to ensure that the transition individuals make from prison, jail, or juvenile residential facilities to the community is successful and promotes public safety.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11SecondChanceMentoringSol.pdf>

Research and Publications

National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape

Department of Justice

February 2011

In this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM), the Department of Justice has under review national standards for combating sexual abuse in confinement settings that were prepared by the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission pursuant to the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) and recommended by the Commission to the Attorney General. On March 10, 2010, the Department published an ANPRM to solicit public input on the Commission's proposed national standards and to receive information useful to the Department in publishing a final rule adopting national standards for the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of prison rape, as mandated by PREA. The Department is now publishing this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to propose such national standards for comment and to respond to the public comments received on the ANPRM.

For full text: <http://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2011/02/03/2011-1905/national-standards-to-prevent-detect-and-respond-to-prison-rape#p-3>

Extending the Time to Collect DNA in Sexual Assault Cases

National Institute of Justice

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DNA profiling plays a major role in sexual assault cases, but it has a significant shortcoming. Using the current standard DNA profiling method, many jurisdictions require the collection of evidentiary samples within three days of the assault. After that, it may become difficult to obtain a usable DNA profile of the male suspect. However, researchers are testing a hypothesis that may extend the length of time in which DNA profiling is possible in sexual assault cases.

For full text: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/233285.pdf>

Toward a Better Way to Interview Child Victims of Sexual Abuse

National Institute of Justice

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This study evaluates an interview protocol for interviewing child victims of sexual abuse. The interview protocol was developed by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The authors argue that, when employed by well-trained interviewers, the protocol likely improves the detail and accuracy of information elicited from children in most age groups during forensic interviews and positively affects case outcome.

For full text: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/233282.pdf>

Toward a New Professionalism in Policing

National Institute of Justice and Harvard Kennedy School

March 2011

In the 1980s, community policing replaced the traditional crime-fighting model of policing, often referred to as "professional policing." Community policing was an improvement over the previous policing paradigm and represented a great change in how police officers did their jobs. The authors argue that it is now time for a new model for the 21st century, one that they call a "New Professionalism." Their framework rests on increased accountability for police in both their effectiveness and their conduct; greater legitimacy in the eyes of the citizenry; continuous innovation in tactics and strategies for interacting with offenders, victims, and the general public; and national coherence through the development of national norms and protocols for policing. Governing Science is one of a series of papers that are being published as a result of the second "Executive Session on Policing and Public Safety," a collaboration of National Institute of Justice and Harvard Kennedy School's Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management.

For full text: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/232359.pdf>

Moving the Work of Criminal Investigators Towards Crime Control

National Institute of Justice and Harvard Kennedy School

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This paper points out the challenges to police executives in moving the work of criminal investigators towards a more active role in crime control. The paper provides research on the effectiveness of criminal investigators, the problem-oriented approach to crime control, and intelligence-led policing. The authors suggest ways to allocate proactive and problem-solving work between criminal investigators and patrol officers. The paper concludes with examples by the authors of moving the work of criminal investigators at the Milwaukee Police Department, the New York Police Department, the Victoria Police in Australia, and police agencies in the United Kingdom.

For full text: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/232994.pdf>

Block by Block: Zeroing in on Crime Trends

National Institute of Justice

March 2011

Police and researchers have long focused on crime at the neighborhood and precinct levels. More recently, law enforcement agencies have been finding that identifying and focusing on “hot spots” is a fruitful approach to crime prevention. A new study shows that it may be even more effective to take such approaches down to the level of individual city blocks. Researchers studied block-by-block crime incidents in Seattle from 1989 to 2004. They identified 24,023 “street segments” (the streets at both sides of an intersection) and 1,697,212 crime reports. They found that crime rates declined in Seattle as a whole during the study period (as they did in many American cities) but that at the micro-level of city blocks, crime trends could vary from citywide and even neighborhood trends.

For full text: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/233283.pdf>

The Fingerprint Sourcebook

Scientific Working Group on Friction Ridge Analysis, Study and Technology

March 2011

The Fingerprint Sourcebook is the definitive guide to the science of fingerprint identification and includes chapters detailing equipment, quality assurance, and special abilities and vulnerabilities in forensic expertise.

For full text: <http://www.nij.gov/pubs-sum/225320.htm>

Conferences and Trainings

Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS)

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

April 5, 2011, Boston, Massachusetts

The Highway Safety Division of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security will be hosting an informational workshop on Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) on Tuesday, April 5 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in conference rooms 5 and 6 of the State Transportation Building in Boston. DDACTS integrates location-based crime and traffic data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources. In addition, this workshop will provide information on a new funding opportunity from the US Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the 2011 Smart Policing Initiative Grant Solicitation. The BJA grant seeks to build upon data-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime within their jurisdictions. Detailed information regarding this solicitation may be found at

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11SmartPolicingSol.pdf>. This grant supports efforts and activities related to the implementation of the DDACTS operational model. This workshop is limited to the first 50 attendees, so please confirm your attendance early with Barbara Rizzuti, Program Coordinator for the Highway Safety Division. Please send your name, title, department and contact information to Barbara.Rizzuti@state.ma.us. Confirmation and details will follow.

2011 Victim Rights Event

Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance

April 12, 2011, Boston, Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance believes it is increasingly important to come together in unity to recognize the incredible work being done across the Commonwealth to advance rights and services for victims and survivors. This purpose of this event is to celebrate Victim Rights Month and bring needed attention to the importance of victims' rights and services in the Commonwealth.

For more information: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011VictimRightsEventRegistration>

Understanding Femicides & Familicides: Getting Beyond the Headlines and Myths

Domestic Violence Roundtable Program

April 19, 2011, Framingham, Massachusetts

Familicide is a subcategory of Intimate Partner Violence, one that appears to be growing in prevalence. Dr. Adams will provide an overview of familicide as well as intimate partner homicide trends, both nationally and in Massachusetts. He will summarize major theories for why familicide occurs and discuss specific cases.

For more information, please contact Shawn MacMaster at (781) 897-8462 or Shawn.MacMaster@state.ma.us

VAWA STOP Program's Competitive Grant Application Information Session

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

April 8, Boston; April 13, Adams; and April 15, 2011, Plymouth, Massachusetts

In May 2011, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants and Research (OGR), intends to release a competitive Availability of Grant Funds (AGF) application on behalf of the Massachusetts Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP grant program. OGR invites interested agencies to come and learn about the VAWA STOP grant program and the AGF application requirements prior to its release. Programs currently funded by EOPSS' VAWA STOP program and agencies interested in applying are encouraged to attend. Participation is not mandatory.

For more information:

[http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsterminal&L=5&L0=Home&L1=Funding+%26+Training+Opportunities&L2=Justice+%26+Prevention&L3=Grant+Programs&L4=Violence+Against+Women+Act+STOP+Grant+Program+\(VAWA\)&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=programs_VAWA_STOP_Program_Competitive_Grant_Application_Information_Session&csid=Eeops](http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eopsterminal&L=5&L0=Home&L1=Funding+%26+Training+Opportunities&L2=Justice+%26+Prevention&L3=Grant+Programs&L4=Violence+Against+Women+Act+STOP+Grant+Program+(VAWA)&sid=Eeops&b=terminalcontent&f=programs_VAWA_STOP_Program_Competitive_Grant_Application_Information_Session&csid=Eeops)

State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training Program: Train-the-Trainer Workshop

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; New England State Police Information Network; and the United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts

June 28, 2011 to June 29, 2011, Franklin, Massachusetts

Law enforcement trainers or terrorism investigators who also serve as terrorism instructors should attend this training. Instruction will be provided by experienced law enforcement practitioners and other subject-matter experts on domestic and international terrorism, special interest and single-issue terrorism, terrorism indicators, law enforcement intelligence, and officer safety issues.

For more information: <http://www.iir.com/registration/SLATT>

Next Generation Leadership Summit for Public Safety Professionals

Fitchburg Police Department and Fitchburg State University

July 31, 2011 to August 5, 2011, Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Fitchburg State University, Center for Professional Studies, Crocker Center for Civic Engagement, Criminal Justice Program and the Fitchburg Police Department are collaborating to present a leadership summit for public safety, not-for-profits, business and education professionals. Participants can earn university credits or PDPs.

For more information: www.fitchburgstate.edu/cps/publicsafetysummit.cfm

News

The following are examples of newspaper articles regarding public safety topics and excerpted directly from the articles.

States Rethink Drug Laws

The Wall Street Journal, March 5, 2011

A growing number of states are renouncing some of the long prison sentences that have been a hallmark of the war on drugs and are instead focusing on treatment, which once-skeptical lawmakers now say is proven to be less expensive and more effective, reports *The Wall Street Journal*. Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are among those that have pending bills to reduce penalties for drug offenders, in some cases by directing defendants into treatment programs. While the changes are part of broader belt-tightening efforts, they also reflect a growing belief among state lawmakers that prosecuting drug offenders aggressively often fails to treat their underlying addiction problems and can result in offenders cycling in and out of prisons for years.

For more information:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704728004576176514208186374.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Spike in Boston burglaries steals residents' security

Boston Herald, March 14, 2011

House break-ins skyrocketed 24 percent in Boston last year, shattering the security of renters and homeowners who say they learned the hard way the importance of deadbolting doors, keeping lights on and eyes open. In 2010, only 11 percent of the 2,846 reported home break-ins were solved. The previous year, only 14 percent of the 2,282 reported breaks were solved. Nationally, the clearance rate for burglaries is about 12 percent, according to the FBI. House break-ins jumped 24 percent from 2009 to 2010, and as much as 60 percent in some places, such as Roxbury. They were up in all but three of the city's 12 police districts.

For more information:

<http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view.bg?&articleid=1323132&format=&page=1&listingType=Loc#articleFull>

N.R.A. Declines to Meet With Obama on Gun Policy

The New York Times, March 14, 2011

More than two months after the Tucson shootings, the administration is calling together both the gun lobby and gun safety groups to find common ground. But President Obama has no plans to take the lead in proposing further gun control legislation, aides say, and the nation's major gun rights group is snubbing the invitation. The effort follows Mr. Obama's call, in a column on Sunday in a Tucson newspaper, to put aside "stale policy debates" and begin "a new discussion" on ways to better enforce and strengthen existing laws to keep mentally unstable, violent and criminal people from getting guns.

For more information: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/15/us/politics/15guns.html?_r=1&hpw

States change laws, send fewer juveniles to adult court

USA TODAY, March 16, 2011

Fewer kids in trouble are being sent to adult court because of a five-year trend of states changing laws to keep young offenders away from adult prison, according to a report out today from the Campaign for Youth Justice, a Washington, D.C., organization that focuses on the issue. Three states have now raised the age at which kids are automatically tried as adults to 18. Massachusetts, where 17-year-olds are considered adults, and North Carolina, which is one of two states that automatically sends 16- and 17-year-olds to adult court, are poised to make similar changes.

For more information: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2011-03-12-juvenileWEB1_ST_N.htm

Disorderly conduct cases draw fresh legal scrutiny

The Boston Globe, March 30, 2011

Massachusetts law defines disorderly conduct as publicly fighting, threatening, engaging in “violent or tumultuous behavior,” or creating a hazardous or physically dangerous condition. The article details several cases of arrest, which civil libertarians say reflect evolving attitudes about the use of disorderly conduct charges to arrest someone who is behaving aggressively or insulting an officer but not breaking any laws, reports *The Boston Globe*.

For more information:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/03/30/disorderly_conduct_cases_draw_fresh_legal_scrutiny/

Lawmakers, advocates urge overhaul of child services system

The Boston Globe, March 30, 2011

Arguing that Massachusetts’ 38-year-old system of services for troubled children forces them into the court system prematurely and can tear families apart, lawmakers and advocacy groups called yesterday for an overhaul of the system. The advocates urged a system that would provide community-based services for children who habitually run away from home, break the law, or skip school before families seek court intervention, reports *The Boston Globe*.

For more information:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/03/30/lawmakers_advocates_urge_overhaul_of_child_services_system/

Announcements

Statewide Fair and Impartial Policing Website Launched

With the goal of promoting communication and better understanding between law enforcement and local communities, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security has developed the Fair and Impartial Policing (FAIP) website (<http://www.mass.gov/safety/faip>). FAIP is a web-based initiative designed to give Massachusetts law enforcement professionals and members of the community new insight into the issues related to what is commonly referred to as “racial profiling.”

“These program materials are valuable in educating law enforcement and members of the community about each others’ perspective and provide effective tools necessary for positive interactions. We anticipate that these positive interactions will promote increased trust and effectiveness in community policing,” stated Secretary Mary Elizabeth Heffernan.

The FAIP training modules, developed with a federal grant, are accessible, free of charge. Topics covered in the modules include cultural influences, unconscious biases and innate biological factors that influence how individuals react during a range of community and police interactions. In each module,

experts from both the police and community perspectives analyze and discuss the scenarios presented. Law enforcement and the community at large are encouraged to utilize these educational resources provided on the website.

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